

27. A printing plate as claimed in claim 26, wherein the substrate comprises an aluminum plate.

28. A printing plate as claimed in claim 26, wherein the coating has a thickness of 1 to 3 microns.

29. A printing plate, comprising:  
a substrate having a surface covered at least in part with a coating which coating is at least in part photosensitive, wherein a part of said coating defines an image by insolubility of said image in a developer, and wherein said insoluble image contains a higher concentration of alkaline materials than the soluble portion of said coating.

30. A printing plate as claimed in claim 29, wherein the substrate comprises an aluminum plate.

31. A printing plate as claimed in claim 29, wherein the coating has a thickness of 1 to 3 microns.

### REMARKS

The specification has been amended as required by the Examiner. No new matter has been entered.

The claims have been amended to clarify the claimed invention, address the § 112 rejection, and further scope the elected invention. The non-elected claims have been cancelled.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121, a marked copy of the amended specification paragraphs showing changes made therein accompanies this Amendment.

Turning to the § 112 rejection, the Examiner rejects the claims as not providing disclosure of imparting solubility to the coating "with hydroxyl ions." While it is believed the original claims are fully supported by the specification, in order to expedite prosecution,